

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 13, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of December 13, 2023 was called to order at 6:30 pm in the Library's Small Meeting Room at 15025 S. Illinois Street. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was conducted. Regular members present: Gilmore, Schmidt, Knight, Grotto, Las, Malec. Regular members absent: Crouner. Staff present: Pappas, Agne, Hartley, Lane, Pfenning. Wold. Guests present: None: Shales McNutt Construction representatives John Shales and Chris Damsch, Sheehan Nagle Hartray Architects representative Don McKay.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**OTHER COMMENT:** Board shared attendance at community events and meetings.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Gilmore accepted the minutes of the regular meeting of November 15, 2023.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS PAID:** Malec moved approval of bills paid and bills payable for November for a total of \$438,690.22. Knight seconded the motion, all voted yes via roll call vote; motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** The Finance Committee will meet January 10, 2024 at 7pm.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Pappas presented her monthly report.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Unfinished Business

1. Renovation Planning
  - a. Award Construction Bids
    - i. SMC presented the bids and alternatives and their recommendations. Malec moved to approve the bid recommendation for the base bid plus two alternates: staff room and upgraded lobby flooring for \$7,237,527. Schmidt seconded the motion, all voted yes via roll call vote; motion carried.
    - ii. The Board will need to decide how they want to be notified of changes and progress and how they want to make decisions in between regular board meetings.
  - b. Award Furniture, Furnishings, and Equipment Bids – SNHA presented the bids, alternates, and their recommendation. Schmidt moved to approve package 1 with alternate 2 and packages 2 & 3 for \$511,971.74. Las seconded the motion, all voted yes via roll call vote, motion carried.
  - c. Ordinance 2023-8 Issuance of General Obligation Bonds – Grotto moved to approve Ordinance 2023-8. Malec seconded the motion, all voted yes via roll call vote; motion carried.

**ACTION ITEMS:** New Business

2. Extended Child Bereavement Act – Malec moved to approve the changes to the Compassionate Leave in the Library's Employee Handbook as presented in the packet. Las seconded the motion, all voted yes via roll call vote, motion carried.
3. Per Capita Requirements - Malec moved to approve the updated ALA Bill of Rights language in the Collection Policy: *The Plainfield Area Public Library adopts the American Library Association's Bill of Rights and shall protect the intellectual freedom of the Library user, and shall prevent censorship of its materials, ensuring items are not withdrawn from its collection*

*because of partisan, doctrinal, or personal disapproval.* Schmidt seconded the motion, all voted yes via roll call vote, motion carried.

The Board did not move to a closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Las moved to adjourn. Knight seconded the motion, all voted yes via voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

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Aimee Hartley  
Recording Secretary

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Vicki Knight  
Board Secretary